THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The trade union leaders have time and again raised the issue of adverse impact of labour reforms and the disinvestment policy on workers.

(b) to (d) During the meeting of the Hon'ble Prime Minister with Central Trade Unions on 18th October, 2002, some of the trade union leaders had raised the issue of retrenchment in BALCO and Modern Foods. In view of this, a team of officials is proposed to be sent to these two companies to assess the impact of disinvestment on labour.

Administrative officials for Uttaranchal

†2308. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh have differences over division of personnel;

(b) if so, the number of IAS, IPS, PCS and PPS Officers sought to be included in the State cadre by Uttaranchal;

(c) whether the State's demand has been accepted; and

(d) if not, the number of officers who have been included in the above cadres in newly created State and to what extent the number of officers is less than that of demand, cadre-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Section 72 and 73 of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000 provide for bifurcation of the All India Services and the State Services respectively between the States of Uttar Pradesh and of Uttaranchal. Section 76 of the said Act provides for establishing one or more Advisory Committees to assist the Government for this purpose. Accordingly, based on the recommendation of U.C. Agarwal Committee, the authorized strength of IAS and IPS cadres of Uttaranchal was determined as Sixty-Eight and Forty-two respectively. Against this, Seventy-two IAS officers and Forty-two IPS officers have been allocated to Uttaranchal and notified on 8th November, 2000. Further, 140 PCS and 99 PPS officers have been proposed for allocation to the successor State of Uttaranchal by the State Advisory

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Committee, U.R, constituted by the Central Government of which Chief Secretaries of U.P. and Uttaranchal are members.

Cases pending before CAT

2309. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cases reserved for judgement are pending before the Principal Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal as on date;

(b) if so, the details of the cases of which judgements have been reserved for pronouncements but pending for more than one month as on date, category-wise; and

(c) whether the Competent Authority would initiate steps for an early pronouncement of judgements in which pleadings and arguments have been completed so as to avoid harassment and hardships to the employees and loss to Government Offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A statement showing number of cases in which judgements have been reserved and are pending for pronouncement for more than one month as on 26.11.2002 in the Principal Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal, category-wise is enclosed. (See below)

(c) The Government does not interfere in the judicial functioning of the Tribunal. The Rule 105(b) of the Central Administrative Tribunal Rules of Practice, 1993 published by the Central Administrative Tribunal in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 22 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 (13 of 1985) provides "when the orders are reserved, the date for pronouncement not later than three weeks shall be fixed. The date so fixed shall not be changed except due notice to all parties/counsel.

This has already been circulated by the Principal Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal to the Vice-Chairmen and Members in all its benches impressing upon them to dispose of ihe cases immediately after hearing in accordance with rules.